IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
O. O. C. J.
WRIT PETITION NO.1571 OF 2007

Practising Engineers, Architects
and Town Planners Association (India) ..Petitioner.
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra and others ..Respondents.

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Mr. Nitin Pradhan with Ms. Shubhada Khot i/b Ms. Hemani Jhariya for the Petitioner.
Mr. M. More, AGP for Respondent No.1.
Mr. G.D. Utangale i/b M/s. Utangale & Co. for Respondent No.2.

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CORAM: **SMT. RANJANA DESAI, AND**
DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, JJ.

30th August, 2007.

P.C. :

1. The Petitioner is an association of Practicing Engineers, Architects and Town Planners. The Petitioner seeks to challenge various circulars issued by the Second Respondent directing the architects to certify documents, annexures, execute indemnity bonds etc. which is according to the Petitioner beyond the purview of their professional duties and of which they are not the authors.

2. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the

Petitioner and the learned AGP. So far as the grievance of the Petitioner that the architects are made to execute indemnity bonds is concerned, the learned AGP has drawn our attention to circular dated 22nd September, 1998 which says that the procedure of obtaining indemnity bonds from the architects has now been discontinued. In view of this statement, the grievance as regards indemnity bonds does not survive. So far as, other grievances of the Petitioner are concerned, the learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner states that he will address a detailed representation to the Second Respondent. The learned counsel appearing for the Second Respondent states that if such a representation is received, the Second Respondent shall consider it as expeditiously as possible and intimate the result thereof to the Petitioner. It is therefore not necessary to entertain this Petition. We make it clear that we have not expressed any opinion on the issues involved in this Petition.

The Petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

SMT. RANJANA DESAI, J.

DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.